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Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and (g). The computer readable form in this application is identical with that filed in Application Number 08/988,671 filed December 11, 1997. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the only computer readable form filed on June 11, 1998 in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in the application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used in the instant application

REMARKS

No new matter has been added to this application by way of this Preliminary Amendment. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Should any issue require attention prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the matter.

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